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Official Diary

Monday, 19 January 1953

1. At the morning meeting handed to Mr. Dulles a cable respecting another approach by TASS correspondents indicating the desirability of negotiating with the Soviets.

2. At the Deputies' meeting, expressed myself strongly to the effect that unless State took relatively immediate action with respect to the disposal of Li Mi's troops, there would be fighting between Li Mi and the Burmese. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Dulles, stated that fully adequate intelligence had been given State on the developments in Burma, which include a redisposition of Burmese government troops and announcement of a national drive on Li Mi's forces. [redacted] undertook to recheck with State. 25X1A9a

3. Informed Mr. Dulles at the morning meeting that all departments and agencies had agreed to the summary evaluation paper. (I later learned that I had been misinformed since Federal Civil Defense had posed an objection) I was later informed that the President had signed the paper over Civil Defense objection. Recommended that [redacted] be appointed DCI's representative on this matter and my recommendation was approved. Requested [redacted] to prepare for DCI's signature a memorandum indicating this nomination as soon as the paper is received from NSC. Also informed [redacted] 25X1A9a

4. At the morning meeting indicated that no further reports had been received from Quatamala and that our people expected the election to result in increased Communist strength. 25X1A9a

5. At the Deputies' meeting stressed the advisability of an early ADs' meeting with DCI. It was indicated that this was planned. 25X1A9a

6. At the request of Mr. Dulles undertook to have [redacted] appointed as CIA representative on the committee to prepare a draft paper on US over-all objectives. So informed [redacted] 25X1A9a

7. At the request of Mr. Dulles undertook to have OCI review the evidence indicating any possibility that the Soviet Satellites might break relations with the US. Requested [redacted] to convey this to OCI. 25X1A9a

8. Sat with [redacted] to prepare summary recommendations on the "B" project and later, after these recommendations had been revised and approved by Mr. Dulles, conveyed copies to General Magruder and General Samford.

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9. [REDACTED] phoned and informed me that High Commissioner designate Conant would be available at 1200 noon on Thursday the 29th. I requested a period of one hour for briefing Mr. Conant and this has been put in the schedule from 12-1. Requested Mr. Amory to coordinate the preparation of this briefing which will include a discussion of CIA functions, with particular reference to Ambassadors and also a round-up of the situation in Germany at present and for the future, as we see it.

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10. [REDACTED] informed me that the indoctrination of Mr. Cutler had been completed and that arrangements had been made for furnishing him with intelligence.

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